

BERLIN COURTIER
FIGHT A DUEL.Baron Von Schrader Seriously
Wounded by Lebrecht
Von Kotze.Principals Stood Ten Paces
Apart and Fired Until One
Was Disabled.Both of Them Had Held High Places
in the Household of Em-
peror William.

SLANDERS CAUSED THE CHALLENGE.

The Victor Was Charged With Writing An-
onymous Letters, and Has Several
More Accounts to Settle
with Enemies.

By Henry W. Fischer.

Berlin, April 10.—A duel was fought this
morning with pistols between Baron von
Schrader, Master of the Ceremonies at the
Prussian Court, and Lebrecht von Kotze,
who was formerly a Court Chamberlain.Baron von Schrader was seriously if not
fatally wounded in the stomach.The duel took place close to the Neues
Palais, at Potsdam. It was the third fought
by Von Kotze with persons whom he sus-
pected of having charged him with writing
the series of anonymous letters affecting
the characters of royal personages and
people connected with the court that cre-
ated so much scandal.The conditions of the duel were that the
principals should stand ten paces apart and
shoot until one was disabled.When Baron von Schrader fell he was
driven to a hospital, where Dr. Bergmann
decided that an operation must be at once
performed, and the patient's relatives were
telegraphed for, as his condition was seri-
ous.While the operation was being performed
Von Kotze was holding a reception at his
palace in the Tiergarten and receiving the
congratulations of the court society.This unfortunate termination of the at-
tack will no doubt be seized upon by the
Liberals as an opportunity for making an
interpellation in the Reichstag, as the au-
thorities knew perfectly well that the duel
was to take place, but refused to interfere.An order has been issued for the arrest
of Von Kotze, who has announced his will-
ingness to surrender himself. He has also
announced that he will fight the duels,
eight or nine in number, for which he has
issued challenges, unless he is killed before
he has got satisfaction from all the men
who have slandered him.Most people on this side of the water
have fondly imagined that the anonymous
letter scandal which has brought so much
discredit and disgrace upon the court of
Berlin was at an end.The last thing that had been heard of
Von Kotze was that he had been liberated
from prison, reinstated in his office of
Master of Ceremonies, and that the Em-
peror and members of the royal family
were taking particular pains to make
amends to him for the sufferings which
he had undergone in connection with the
charges brought against him of being the
author of those shameful letters with
which the Berlin court and society were
inundated a couple of years ago.In fact, when Von Kotze, after his lib-
eration, was wounded in the duel that
he fought with one of his accusers, Baron
von Retschach, the entire Imperial family
either called at his house in person or else
sent messages of regret and sympathy.But to those who have had an opportu-
nity of observing what was going on behind
the scenes, it was evident that before long
there would be a revival of the entire
scandal. For, in the first place the Tribu-
nal threw out of court the suit for libel
slander which Von Kotze brought against
Baron von Retschach, one of his fellow Mas-
ters of Ceremonies, immediately after hav-
ing fought a duel in which both combat-
ants received flesh wounds. Then, too, the
officers of the two regiments of cavalry
with which both Baron von Schrader and Von
Kotze are connected, after having consti-
tuted themselves into Courts of Honor and
duly investigated the charges of slander
which Von Kotze brought against Schra-
der, pronounced in favor of the acquittal
of the latter, declaring that he was just-
ified in his remarks, and appealing to the
Emperor to dismiss Von Kotze from the
army, as no longer worthy to bear the com-
mission of an officer or to associate with
them as a comrade.

LEFT BERLIN IN HIGH DUDGEON.

This verdict of the Courts of Honor was
indorsed by Prince Frederick of Hohenzol-
lern, the Commander-in-Chief of the
garrison of Berlin and of the military vic-
tariat of the metropolis. Emperor William,
however, for some reason of his own, possi-
bly because he had been too hasty in the
first place, declined to ratify the verdict,
whereupon Prince Frederick of Hohenzol-
lern resigned his command, closed up his
palace at Berlin and left the capital for
good, announcing that he would live in
future in Bavaria and that he could no
longer form part of a court where such be-
havior as that of Von Kotze received the
indorsement of the sovereign.Prince Frederick's example was followed
by Prince Albert of Saxe-Altenburg, one of
those who had been most vehement in the
denunciation of Von Kotze, owing to the
fact that the Prince's wife had been par-
ticularly badly treated in the anonymous
letters. In fact, a general exodus of Princes
and great nobles from Berlin resulted.Finally there came the news from France
that Von Kotze's lawyer, Friedman, who
had absconded with all the documents con-

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THE PRINCESS OF SAXE-MEININGEN.

Eldest sister of Emperor William of Germany and at one time the fiancée of
Prince Alexander of Bulgaria. She quarrelled with her former friends, the Von
Kotzes. A diary which she kept was stolen and is believed to have furnished much
of the scandalous material contained in the letters which Von Kotze was charged
with writing.

TOADS FAILED TO CURE.

This Sufferer Used Up His Home Sup-
ply, and Then Sent to New
Jersey for More.New Haven, Conn., April 10.—The quan-
tity of toads used by Edward McNeany, of
Branford, now in the New Haven Hospital,
in his attempt to cure a cancer on his face,
was something startling. It is said that
they numbered hundreds, and that each
died in turn, and was removed by the per-
severing sufferer before he became con-
vinced that the remedy was useless.McNeany says that the information con-
cerning this extraordinary cure was im-
parted by a physician of the old school.
McNeany searched the gardens of Branford
for toads, and when he was unable to get
enough, his neighbors volunteered and all
the spare toads in sight were dispatched
to McNeany's home.

A. L. RAWSON EXPELLED

Thirteen Club Managers Act on the Altera-
tion of Sir Francis Knollys's
Letter.A. L. Rawson, of Woodcliffe, N. J., ac-
cused of altering a letter from Sir Francis
Knollys, which declined for the Prince of
Wales membership in the Thirteen Club,
was last night expelled by the club's Board
of Managers.The following members of the Board met
at the rooms, No. 52 West Twenty-fourth
street, voted for expulsion and authorized a
letter of apology to Sir Francis: J. R. Ar-
barbanel, Frederick Hamilton, W. P. Con-
dit, W. C. Marlow, W. E. Wilkinson, J. H.
Stiner and William Fowler.The Prince's secretary is assured in the
letter that "no member of the Board of
Managers or of the club was cognizant of
the fact that your highly complimentary and
courteous letter had been tampered with,
and that the act of the individual offend-
ing member was repudiated by all the members
of the club as soon as they were made aware
of it."

MARLBOROUGH TO RETURN

The Duke and Bride to Spend the Sum-
mer at Marble House, Where Young
Mr. Vanderbilt Now Sojourns.Newport, R. I., April 10.—Few people are
aware of the fact that Mr. William K.
Vanderbilt, Jr., is sojourning at Marble
House, the house of his mother, Mrs.
Belmont, but such is the case.Several days ago the housekeeper, with
servants, arrived and immediately opened
the house, and it was learned to-day that
Mr. Vanderbilt has been in town for a week
and his presence was not known until to-
day.He returns to school at Southboro, Mass.,
next week. The servants will then put
the house in thorough order, as early in
June Miss Smith, sister of Mrs. Belmont,
will arrive, and Mr. Vanderbilt return.The Duke of Marlborough and his bride,
Lady Consuelo, will also spend the Sum-
mer at Marble House, and their apart-
ments are now being renovated.A club man started to-day that Marble
House was to go to W. K. Jr., upon his
twenty-first birthday, and Mrs. Belmont's
New York residence to her son, Harold.
Mr. Vanderbilt spends most of his time
in walking and cycling.

SHOT DOWN UNION JACKS.

A French Gunboat Insults the British Flag
at Raiatea, One of the Society
Islands.By Henry W. Fischer.
Berlin, April 10.—The Cologne Gazette
contains a report sent by cable that a
French gunboat has shot to pieces the flag-
poles from which floated the English Union
Jack on the island Raiatea, one of the So-
ciety Islands group, which is about 130
miles northwest of Tahiti.Raiatea has been under the protection of
France for fifty-four years.

WILLIS IS COMING HOME.

Said at the State Department That the
Hawaiian Minister Has Leave
of Absence.San Francisco, April 10.—Passengers by
the steamer Mariposa from Honolulu report
that United States Minister Willis held an
auction sale of a large portion of his house-
hold effects a few days before the Mar-
iposa sailed, preparatory to his leaving at
an early date on his permanent return to
the United States.Washington, April 10.—It is said at the
State Department that the return to the
United States at this time of Albert T.
Willis, United States Minister to Hawaii, is
on a three months' leave, and that, for all
the department knows, he will go back to
his post on his expiration.ELEVATOR FALLS WITH
SEVENTEEN GIRLS.Mortal Accident Narrowly
Averted in a Crowded
Factory Building.Rope of the Car Breaks, Letting
Its Living Freight Fall to
the Basement.Cage Designed to Hold Eight Pas-
sengers Had More Than Twice
That Number On It.

TWO GIRLS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Henry Smith, the Conductor, Runs Away
and the Police Cannot Find
Him, Though Search
Is Made.Two working girls were seriously injured,
four were badly bruised and eleven others

NEW YORK SCHOOL BOY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE IS AN INCENDIARY.

Arthur H. Hopping, aged thirteen years, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of being the author of a num-
ber of fires in Harlem, the origin of which has puzzled the Fire Department. Under cross-examination he broke
down and confessed to having started several of these fires, just "for the fun," as he put it, "of seeing the fire
engines run." He also confessed that during one of the fires he stole a pocketbook. The boy has had the ad-
vantages of a good school education. Recorder Goff held him in \$5,000 bail, which was furnished by a wealthy
uncle.severely shaken and thrown into hysterics
by the fall of an elevator at No. 103 Mercer
street yesterday afternoon.The five top floors of the big building are
occupied by Blackport & Co., manufacturers
of aprons and boys' blouses. On the fifth
floor more than forty girls are employed.Their time for leaving work is 6 o'clock,
and five minutes before that hour a number
of girls, eager to get home, crowded into
the elevator, which is of the type combin-
ing passenger and freight compartments.It is said the elevator was built to carry
eight passengers, and fully this number
boarded it at the fifth floor. Henry Smith,
who also acts as engineer, was in charge.
He stopped at the fourth and third floors,
taking on more passengers, until seventeen
were crowded in.Between the second and first stories the
car lurched a little and a scream of fright
arose from the girls. It steadied again,
however, but just as the first floor was
reached the rope broke and the elevator fell
to the basement.

An exciting scene then ensued. All the

occupants had been thrown from their feet.
Many swooned so that their companions
thought them dead. All who were able
screamed at the top of their voices and
struggled to extricate themselves and
scramble out of the cage.The noise brought the other occupants
of the building to the scene of their cries
for help brought Roundsman Herx and
Policeman John Ewing, from the Mercer
Street Station. Hurry calls for ambulances
were sent to Bellevue and St. Vincent's
hospitals, and the Sergeant on duty sent
out the reserves with the patrol wagon.When comparative order was restored it
was found that Kate Collins, aged nine-
teen, of No. 2325 Second avenue, was un-
conscious and suffering from a dislocated
shoulder, and Kate Curley, aged seventeen,
of No. 1697 Third avenue, had sustained a
severe shock. These two were attended by
Dr. Whittemore and taken to St. Vincent's
Hospital.Kate Kelly, of No. 2325 First avenue, had
contusions about the face; Lena Suber, of
No. 109 Norfolk street, was cut about theface and hands; Marietta Brown, aged
eighteen, of No. 31 Lewis street, had a
sprained ankle and many bruises, and May
Loud, of No. 240 East One Hundred and
Sixth street, was severely shaken. These
girls, together with those who suffered from
hysteria and fright, were attended in a
near-by drug store, and then went to their
homes.The elevator boy, Henry Smith, disap-
peared immediately after the accident, and
ten minutes later the factory was closed, so
that the police were unable to gather any
further information. It is said that the
elevator was regularly inspected, and the
accident was undoubtedly due to over-
crowding. No arrests were made.

TO SEE HOLMES HANG.

Sheriff Clement Has Over 2,000 Appli-
cations, but Only a Few Will
Be Invited.Philadelphia, Pa., April 10.—Sheriff Clem-
ent is having his hands full just now with
applications from people who want permis-
sion to see H. H. Holmes pay the penalty
of one of his many murders.Over 2,000 applications have reached him,
though the date for the execution is nearly
a month distant. The Sheriff does not pro-
pose to make a spectacle out of the execu-
tion which it is his unpleasant duty to ar-
range, and even a large number of his
warmest personal and political friends will
be refused cards of admission.The Sheriff said to-day that he would fol-
low out the letter of the law, which re-
quires the executions of condemned mur-
derers to be performed with as much
privacy as possible."I will appoint a jury of twelve, which
will be made up of about four medical men
and the balance prominent citizens," said
the Sheriff. "The newspapers will be re-
presented, and others who will be asked to
witness the unpleasant sight will be there
as my deputies. The provision in the law
permitting me to appoint deputies is a very
elastic one, and I can apparently appoint
as many as I see fit. But I do not propose
to take any advantage of the law. My in-
tentions are to have as few present at the
hanging as I possibly can. The notoriety
of the condemned and the remarkable
features attending his crimes have caused
my friends to overwhelm me with appli-
cations to witness the hanging. I have
been obliged to refuse many who no doubt
felt aggrieved at being denied the privi-
lege of seeing the execution."No arrangements have been made by the
Sheriff or his officers for the hanging. The
matter of preparing for the event is now
in the hands of the Moyamensing Prison
officials. They will set up the gallows and
have everything in readiness for the last
act of the "Hanging" on May 7.

"Bully" Song.

By May Irwin in "The Widow Jones,"
is the colored supplement for the next
Sunday Journal—44 Pages, 3 Cents.BOY OF THIRTEEN
IS THE FIREBUG.Recent Epidemic of Base-
ment Fires in Harlem Is
Now Explained.Arthur J. Hopping, Son of Re-
spectable Parents, Makes a
Startling Confession.Admits That He Started Blazes in
Apartment Houses and Then
Warned the Inmates.

WANTED TO "SEE THE ENGINES RUN."

He Also Acknowledges That During One
of the Fires He Stole a Pocketbook.
Is Held in \$5,000 Bail, Which Is
Furnished by His Uncle."Just to see the fire engines run" Ar-
thur H. Hopping, a thirteen-year-old Har-
lem boy, the son of respectable parents
started on a career of incendiarism eight
months ago, which ended yesterday by
his being arrested and held in \$5,000 bail
on the charge of arson in the second
degree. Young Hopping made a confession
to Deputy Fire Marshal O'Sullivan, in
which he gave particulars as to how and
why he set these fires. He denied having
had anything to do with the several other
Harlem fires of which he is the suspected
cause.During the last year there have been
many small fires in flat houses in the
district bounded by One Hundred and Twenty-
fifth and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth
streets and Lenox and Eighth avenues. In
almost every instance the fires began in
the basements of the houses, and in cases
where they were put out before they had
gained much headway, it was noticed that
they had started in piles of waste paper
and refuse or other inflammable material.
These fires baffled the detectives in every
instance until they occurred, within the
last week, such a number of them in
quick succession that the whole force of
the Fire Marshal's office was turned out
to catch the incendiary.

BELIEVED TO BE A BOY'S WORK.

The first suspicion that it was a boy
who started the fires was really created in
the mind of Fireman Hauck, of Headquarters,
last September, while he was investigat-
ing about a fire at No. 475 Lenox avenue,
near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.
This blaze broke out at 8 o'clock
afternoon of September 18. It was in a
basement under Miles's drug store, and was
put out before any great damage had been
done. Hauck questioned Miles and his wife
next day and learned that just before the
fire started a slender, well-dressed boy of
about twelve years had come into the store
and asked for a package of epsom salts. He
paid for the salts and went out. The fire
was discovered a few minutes later, and
it was noticed that the boy who bought
the salts was close at hand while the fire
was being extinguished. Miles recollected
on closer questioning that he had seen the
boy about the entrance to the basement
before the salts had been purchased. He
believed he had seen the boy go down
the stairs toward the basement. Hauck
made inquiries of many residents of the
neighborhood, but could get no clue to
the identity of the boy.

AN EPIDEMIC OF FIRES.

The report that Hauck made to Fire
Marshal Hollister was not thought of
again until last Monday, when three simi-
laneous fires were reported to the Fire
Marshal in rapid succession.The first occurred at noon in the base-
ment of a flat house at No. 171 West One
Hundred and Thirty-third street. It had
been started in a pile of old wall paper.
The second fire was at No. 2185 Seventh
avenue, also in the basement, and the third
was at No. 200 West One Hundred and
Thirty-sixth street. While these fires were
being talked about by the Fire Marshal's
detectives, Hauck recalled to mind the
Lenox avenue fire and the story told by
Miles about the slender, well-dressed boy.
The report was looked up and it was de-
cided to search for the boy. Detective
McManus, Examiner Breckenridge and
Firemen Hauck and Roach were instructed
to cover the district between One Hundred
and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and
Thirty-eighth streets and Lenox avenue,
and to get to any fires that might break
out as quickly as possible. Deputy Marshal
O'Sullivan and one of his assistants hired a
carriage and drove about through the
district.

FIRST CLEW OBTAINED.

While questioning the residents of the
flat houses in which the fires occurred the
detectives met, at No. 200 West One Hun-
dred and Thirty-sixth street, a Mrs.
Finauer, who said that a boy who did not
live in the house had planned the occupants
at the time of the fire by running up the
stairs and crying out to them to flee for
their lives. At No. 171 West One Hundred
and Thirty-third street a story of the same
kind was told by Mrs. Alice Leach. Mrs.
Leach said that after the fire she had
missed her pocketbook, in which there was
a small amount of money.Through a boy who lives in No. 200 West
One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street the
detectives secured on Thursday a more ac-
curate description of the supposed youthful
incendiary and learned where he attended
school. Their informant did not know the
boy's name. At the school it was learned
that the boy the detectives were searching
for was Arthur H. Hopping, who lived
with his parents at No. 106 West One
Hundred and Thirty-fourth street. The
boy's teacher said that Hopping had not
been to school for two weeks past and that
he was in the habit of playing truant for
days at a time.The detectives learned that Hopping was
at his home Thursday afternoon, but no
attempt was made to question him as to
take him into custody. First the neigh-
bors it was learned that the Hoppings
lived in a flat on the third floor. The fam-
ily consists of the father, Henry D. Hop-
ping, his wife and three children, of whom
Arthur is the youngest. The oldest is a
daughter, sixteen years of age. Mr. Hop-

The following statement was written by
me in Philadelphia A Prison For the
Journal of N.Y. as a line & accu-
sation in all particulars -
It is the only confession of my fear-
ful crimes I have ever made or will
make. I make it fully appreciating
all the horrors it contains thus it
condemns me before the world
Signed H. H. Holmes
April 9th 1896